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REMARKS

Upon entry of this Response, claims 1-29 remain pending in the present patent application. Applicants hereby elect without traverse to pursue claims 10-20 and 24-29 drawn to an image forming apparatus/method in the present application. In addition, Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of all non-elected claims in one or more divisional applications. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding Applicants' response, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicants' undersigned counsel.

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